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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **AS-0**
74043
Amendment 2

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE
LOS ANGELES RIVER, COMPTON CREEK, AND CENTINELA CREEK
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this additional contract work is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve an amendment, effective upon Board approval, to Contract No. 74043 with United Pacific Services, Inc., located in La Habra, California, to include landscape maintenance services for the Earth Day site located along the Dominguez Channel Bike Path.
3. Authorize Public Works to encumber an additional annual amount of \$3,600, plus 15 percent for additional, unforeseen landscape maintenance services that may be required within the scope of work, increasing the annual not-to-exceed amount from \$394,700 to \$398,300.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to execute the amendment upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On June 18, 2002, Synopsis 63, your Board awarded Contract No. 74043 to United Pacific Services, Inc., to provide landscape maintenance services at specific locations along the Los Angeles River, Compton Creek, and Centinela Creek. On

November 12, 2003, Synopsis 35, your Board also approved an amendment to include landscape maintenance services on the Ballona Creek Earth Day tree planting site, increasing the annual amount from \$274,900 to \$279,700. Additionally, on January 6, 2004, Synopsis 40, your Board approved a supplement of \$115,000 for the second and last option-year, increasing the annual amount to \$394,700 in order to cover the costs associated with vandalism and rapid weed growth.

To ensure the sustainability of the newly established Earth Day sites, it is desirable to expand the landscape maintenance services provided under this existing contract. The amendment will include landscape maintenance services of the new Earth Day site located along the Dominguez Channel Bike Path. This contract is part of Public Works' commitment to beautify and maintain Flood Control District rights of way. The Earth Day event helps create awareness of the river and its environmental resources. Public Works has reviewed the contractor's proposed price of \$3,600 for the additional work and has determined that it is substantially in agreement with the prices currently charged based on the square footage of the area serviced.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness. This amendment will improve internal operations through the utilization of this contractor's expertise to effectively provide landscape maintenance services in a timely and responsive manner, as well as improve the quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The existing contract for these landscaping services is for an annual amount not to exceed \$394,700. This amendment would add \$3,600 increasing the contract's annual amount to \$398,300, plus 15 percent for additional, unforeseen landscape maintenance services that may be required within the scope of work. Funds are available in the Flood Control District's 2004-05 budget. There will be no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Prior to execution by the Director, the enclosed sample amendment will be properly signed by the contractor and County Counsel will review it as to form. This Contract as previously amended includes all provisions required by the County.

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Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to this contract which is for services required on a part-time and intermittent basis.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

With respect to the requirements of the CEQA, the type of services to be provided are categorically exempt as specified in Class 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, Synopsis 57.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This amendment will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

CONCLUSION

One approved copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

**AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CONTRACT 74043
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE – LOS ANGELES RIVER,
COMPTON CREEK, AND CENTINELA CREEK**

This AMENDMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____ 2004, by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a subdivision of the State of California, a body corporate and politic, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and UNITED PACIFIC SERVICES, INC., a corporation, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR".

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS: Contract No. 74043 was entered into between the County and Contractor on June 18, 2002, for landscape maintenance services at specific locations along the Los Angeles River, Compton Creek, and Centinela Creek for the annual price of \$274,900 or such greater sum as the Board may approve; and

WHEREAS: The Board approved an amendment on November 12, 2003, to Contract No. 74043 to include landscape maintenance services on the Ballona Creek Earth Day tree planting site, at an additional annual amount of \$4,800, increasing the annual amount to \$279,700; and

WHEREAS: The Board approved a supplement on January 6, 2004, to Contract No. 74043 to cover costs associated with vandalism and rapid weed growth, at an additional annual amount of \$115,000, increasing the annual amount to \$394,700; and

WHEREAS: The County now requires landscape maintenance services at an additional Earth Day site located along the Dominguez Channel Bike Path; and

WHEREAS: The Contractor is willing to perform such additional services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the Contract as follows:

FIRST: The parties agree to amend the Contract effective upon Board approval to include landscape maintenance services for the Earth Day site located along the Dominguez Channel Bike Path at Figueroa Street, in accordance with Exhibit A, for an additional annual amount of \$3,600 for a net annual compensation of \$398,300, plus 15 percent for additional, unforeseen landscape maintenance services or such greater sum as the Board may approve which shall be known as the Maximum Contract Sum.

SECOND: The Contractor agrees that work shall commence as directed by the Contract Manager and compensation shall be in accordance with the work start date.

THIRD: The Contractor agrees in strict accordance with the Contract's specifications and conditions to meet the County's requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has, by order of its Board of Supervisors, caused these presents to be subscribed by the Director of Public Works, and the Contractor has hereunto subscribed its name by and through its duly authorized officers, as of the day, month, and year hereinabove first written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Director of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Deputy

UNITED PACIFIC SERVICES, INC.

By _____
Its President

By _____
Its Secretary

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